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Shaker Decathletes seek national crown

by John-Phillip Neill

Having won the state tournament, the Academic Decathlon team will compete against 40 other teams for the national title April 24-27 in Dallas, Texas.

In the state competition held March 14, the team scored approximately 41,000 out of a possible 60,000 points, earning them first place standing. The performance set a precedent in the Shaker school system, for this is the first team to win the state tournament since the Academic Decathlon competition was funded in 1982. The team competed against 38 schools from across Ohio.

Individual achievements from team

members in the contest included senior Michael Galvin winning first place overall in the Honor division, with first place awards in English, math, history, fine arts and essay competition. Galvin also placed third in speech. Senior Michael Lee competed in the Honor division as well, scoring second in fine arts and third in essay.

Jim Lucier, also a senior, placed second overall in the Scholastic division, winning in the math, history, speech and essay categories. Senior Todd Stevens ranked fourth overall in the Scholastic division, scoring second in math and fine arts.

Senior Andy Resnick placed second overall in the varsity division, with first

place honors in interview, second in science and third in speech. Senior Andy Thomas, an alternate in the Varsity division, placed first in speech.

English teacher, Dr. Carol Fox, a coach of the Academic Decathlon Team, attributes this year's success to the greater effort put forth by team members, as well as assistance from teachers in specific academic areas.

"The many teacher's assistance has made a great difference," said Dr. Fox. "In the past there was not as much help from the faculty."

Both team members and coaches are optimistic heading for the national tournament. The team's state-winning

points is equal to a score of a third place team from last-year's national competition.

Dr. Fox says last year's nationally winning score of 46,000 points is not an unrealistic goal for the team.

"I feel the chances of winning are good, because of the strength of the members on the team," said team member Stevens. "There is a lot more enthusiasm, and the team is much more mature than in past years."

In preparation for the national contest, the team is practicing every day eighth period, as well as individually. The team is supported by coaches Dr. Fox and Stephen Fox, as well as a number of assistants and teachers.

Area schools offer alternative education

by Grace DeJesus

For students who can't relate to Shakespeare, the Ottoman Empire or Gaussian surfaces, the high school offers an attractive alternative—the vocational program, cosponsored by Shaker, Cleveland Heights, and Warrensville.

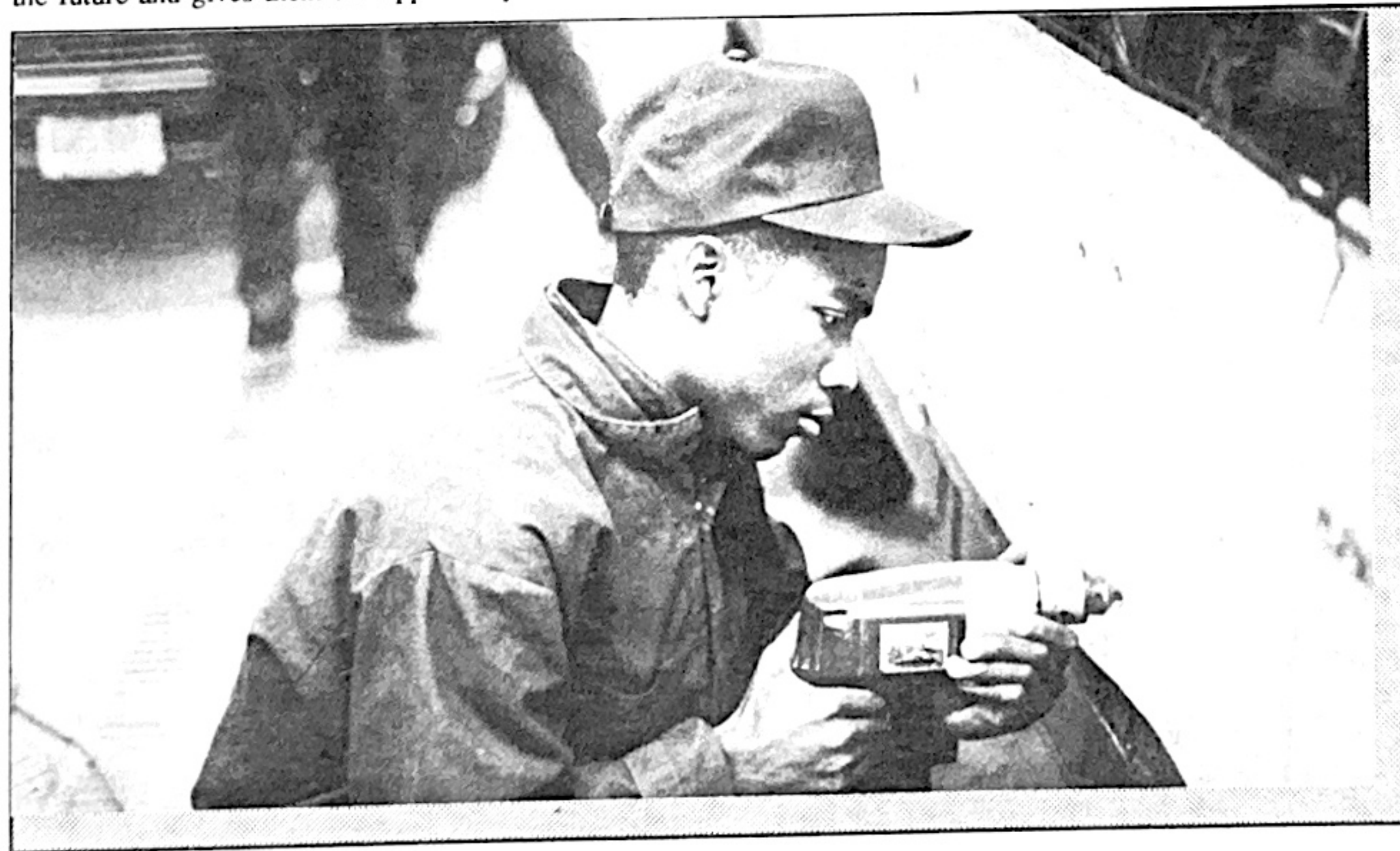
According to students and teachers involved in the program, vocational education gives purpose and meaning to learning by relating it to occupational goals.

"It teaches the students work skills they'll need in the future and gives them the opportunity to have actual,

on-the-job experience," stated George Miller, the drafting teacher at Cleveland Heights.

The Shaker students involved in the program attend class for two periods in the morning. In the afternoon, they hold jobs for which they receive academic credit as well as a salary. Students must have a majority of their credits upon entering the program, as they only receive three credits for it.

"It really gets you ready for when you go out and look for a job," said Donna Norwood, a junior at Cleveland Heights. "It is a lot easier," she said, "but in a lot of ways it's also a challenge."



While all vocational education students at Shaker hold jobs in the afternoon, one must be a senior at Cleveland Heights to have a job. And then it is only in the afternoons of their second semester. Students who do not hold jobs take four classes in the afternoon that help fulfill their credits.

"We can't guarantee them a job," said Miller. "I endeavor to find employment, I locate all the jobs available, but the ones that are the best (students) should have the opportunity."

Where does this leave the "unemployed"?

"If they come to class, apply themselves, and do their work, they will get the skills they need for the future," stated Miller.

The classes offered at Shaker are marketing education and Cooperative Office Education (COE).

Marketing Education teacher Mark Leimsieder explained that Shaker, Cleveland Heights and Warrensville act as a unified district in this program. If a Shaker student desires to take the auto mechanics course, offered only at Cleveland Heights, he has the option to travel to this school and take the class.

"Students in COE and Marketing Education are gaining a valuable skill in addition to getting academic requirements," said Glenda Moss, COE instructor.

Working on an auto body, a Heights student takes advantage of the vocational opportunities.

DAN ROSENZWEIG

Japanese experience American culture

by Michelle Brode

"They eat a lot and they sleep a lot . . . I thought Americans had longer legs. . . They have no assignments at school!" These were some of the first impressions of 10 Japanese students from Takatori High School visiting Shaker and Beachwood.

The students from Nara, Japan were in the Cleveland area from March 17 through March 30, staying at the homes of Shaker and Beachwood students in the Area Studies class. They were accompanied by Yoshinobu Yoshikawa, an English teacher at Takatori. Having formerly been an exchange student in the United States, Yoshikawa is fluent in English and did most of the translating for his students.

The Japanese students found many differences between the United States and Japan in the classroom. They were surprised to see students slouching in their seats or even sleeping. In Japan, they sit up straight in perfectly straight rows.

The students were also surprised at how willing American students were to ask questions. "Students rarely ask questions," said Yoshikawa. "They just sit and write down as teachers write on the board. If a teacher says, 'Read this,' they read; 'Answer this,' they answer; but if the teacher says, 'Ask questions,' there is silence."

The students also reacted to the lack of formality shown by teachers. All 10 students said that they would be insulted if a teacher sat on a desk while teaching. "We (the students) are sitting formally, why not the teachers," said one student.

Takatori High School, which has 700 students, is a public school specializing in international education.



JEREMY ROSENZWEIG

Japanese students attended classes at Shaker and Beachwood. Seven of the ten visitors are pictured here.

When teachers enter or leave the classroom, students rise and bow to show respect.

Many of the courses offered are similar to those in the United States, but such classes as home economics are reserved for girls. Students attend school five and a half days a week having only Saturday afternoon and Sunday free. The length of the school day is the same as Shaker's, but after their classes the students must stay to clean the building.

Instead of switching classes for each subject, students remain in their

"homeroom" and the teachers rotate. The classes are about an hour long and the students have a 10 minute break between classes. When teachers enter or leave the classroom, students rise and bow to show respect.

The teacher adviser designated to each homeroom is responsible for his 45 students, not only in school but also in matters outside of school.

Yoshikawa said, "In Japan, parents ask teachers to give advice, counsel them." The school will become involved with matters of students driving without licenses, or in living arrangements of students.

Schooling is mandatory only through ninth grade, but 97 percent of the

students go on to high school.

Some aspects of Japanese teenager's lives are similar to American's. After school there are many clubs and sports teams to which students belong. They play basketball, baseball, and many other sports familiar to Americans. Favorite musical groups include the Beatles, Genesis, Madonna, Duran Duran, and Wham!, in addition to Japanese performers. On weekends shopping, driving around the countryside, club activities, and going to movies occupy the teenagers' time.

Many of the problems of American society are prevalent in Japan as well. Drugs are becoming more widespread, although Yoshikawa said the problem is mostly contained to adults. As for suicide, he said some students resort to killing themselves as an escape from the pressures of school, leaving notes saying, "I can't study anymore."

In addition to these similarities, differences are evident. In Japan, the driving age is 18, and drinking is not legal until the age of 20, although the visiting students admitted there is drinking at parties.

After graduating from college, jobs are readily available. People do not switch jobs as often in Japan as they do in the U.S. Some of the best paid workers include businessman, bankers, electric company workers, accountants and diplomats. Workers are often willing to work overtime, putting their personal lives aside to benefit the company as a whole.

Students from the Area Studies class will be visiting Takatori High School this summer for a few weeks as part of a reciprocal exchange.

Shakerite staff named for 1987-88

by David Ammons

The Shakerite staff for the 1987-88 school year has been named.

The new staff is as follows: Editor-in-Chief, Peter Nagusky; Associate Editor, Michelle Brode; Business Manager, Jeff Edelman; News Editors, Juli Alfred and Kristin McGovern; Editorial Editor, Dan Polster; Focus Editor, Ian Johnson; Feature Editors, Caryn Markus and Amy Rosewater; Sports Editor, John-Phillip Neill; Layout and Design Editor, Jodii Fanaroff; Advertising Manager, Laurie Friedman; Circulation/Public Relations Manager, Joanna Mercer and Photography Editors Dan and Jeremy Rosenzweig.

"The strength of the new staff is that it is one of the most experienced that we've had in recent years," said Sally Schwartz, publications adviser.

Next year's staff will co-produce along with the current staff the next issue of The Shakerite and will be solely responsible for the last issue.

Tables turned

Faculty, administration to undergo evaluation

by Joanna Mercer

The North Central Evaluation (N.C.E.) team, a group of professionals involved in education, will visit Shaker next fall in an effort to observe management, curriculum and student activities, afterwards submitting reports.

There will be approximately 60-70 evaluators. These professional teachers, counselors and administrators will come from various secondary schools and colleges to participate in the evaluation. Subcommittees will be formed as part of the overall team so as to allow all aspects of the high school to be observed.

"The committees evaluate what we're doing as an ongoing process," said Assistant Principal Desadre Lawson. Lawson and Richard Vlah are the co-chairmen for planning the N.C.E. visit.

Part of each committee's job is to determine if standards set in the curriculum are met by the school system. Methods for evaluation include committee classroom visitation, interviewing students and

teachers and overall observation of the educational atmosphere. The regular school day schedule will not be changed as a result of the evaluation. Most teachers have been through an evaluation before and understand the process.

Preparation for the visitation period is a lengthy undergoing, but does not create a false facade. The team will see the high school as it normally operates.

"We want a realistic setting, staff and students will not be asked to act differently," said Vlah.

On the completion of the evaluation, the committees will fill out surveys and write reports of their findings. A very inclusive report will be made covering academic subject groups, sports activities and school management.

"The report culminates months of staff study, some student and citizen involvement and intense exploration by the N.C.E. team," wrote the Shaker Report.

"The evaluation is basically to see if we live up to what we say we're doing," said Vlah.

Carnival plans finalized

by Austin Ratner

After two false starts, the student council carnival is finally off and running. Attempted for the past two years, but eventually cancelled both times, this year's carnival scheduled for early May will be the first in over five years.

Organized by student council and sponsored individually by school clubs and teams which contribute by running their own booths, the carnival will be open to all who wish to attend. Following the afternoon events, there will be a dance with a reggae band open to Shaker students only. The variety of booths is geared toward people of all ages.

The proceeds gained will be divided between the contributing clubs and student council; 75 percent of the gains to the clubs, and the remaining 25 percent to student council.

The money earned by student council will go towards funding the senior class prom, or for buying the school a gift, such as the message board donated by the class of '84.

Governing ideas

Class requirements serve community

by Dustin Klein

All Shaker seniors, as part of their American Government classes, are required to work 10 hours of government or political activity. Students are given a choice on what types of governmental participation they can do. The activities can be political in nature or anything deemed acceptable by the student's teacher.

"If the student does something active and is involved in political activity, that's okay. The student should actually be getting out and doing something active. The purpose of the assignment is to get the students involved in some community project outside of school," government teacher Jerry Graham said.

Students taking government last semester had the opportunity to fulfill their hours during the November election period.

Harold Talley, senior, made phone calls asking businessmen what their views would be if Perry Nuclear Power Plant was to go to full power.

Talley enjoyed making the calls, but felt "if I had taken my time with the project, it would have been a lot more enjoyable."

Another senior, Andy Resnick, taking government this semester says "It does help you learn about government issues," but he feels it should be an optional activity.

"The option should be open, if I want to participate, I could," said Resnick, "but with the term papers and other assignments, 10 hours is a lot of time to be lobbying for some organization."

Graham said the activity became mandatory approximately 15 years ago when student enthusiasm during the Vietnam era came to an end.

"The students were so active, and then they suddenly stopped their participation. We felt that government and political activity should be a required event," Graham said.

Seniors to storm city government

by David Ammons

A secret investigation is being conducted by the Government Intern students, a group of approximately 35 seniors, to prosecute teachers involved in various improprieties throughout the school.

"Just warn all the teachers that our eyes are open, and that we will keep our [hallways] clean of scandalous operations," said prosecuting attorney, Cliff Gyves.

The trial, which will take place on April 29 at the Shaker Heights Municipal Court House, is part of a day long invasion of a variety of Shaker governmental positions by Intern seniors. On that day Michael Galvin will become mayor, Bret Hardin superintendent; Terri Weissman, principal; Todd Stevens, associate principal; and Jon McFarland, principal of the middle school. Michael Feldman, Susie Friedman, Matt Grossman and Debbie Mars will be keeping the peace in the hallways as the four assistant principals.

City council will be comprised of Roland Brucken, David Messinger, Jay Morgan, Harold Talley, Katy Tuhill and Cheryl Schultz. They will convene in a special session.

Joanna Belkin will assume the position of Director of Curriculum; Debby Glaser, Director of Recreation; Matthew Hartley, Director of Health; David Mosby, City Planner; and Susan Foxman, Fire Chief. Rebecca Frank will preside over the trial as judge, with Jon Garvin and Cliff Gyves as prosecuting attorneys. David Ammons and Matthew Kades will be defense attorneys and Lindsey Washington, bailiff.

When asked why he joined the program, senior Grossman replied, "I've always wanted to carry one of those walkie-talkies."

Senior Jim Lucier had quite different reasons, "I'm taking Government Intern because I have a lot of grudges against teachers-and I want to see them rot in jail."

Gyves added, "Teachers beware!"



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Al Warren, Shaker parent, reacts to the decision to close four schools.

School board releases final organizational plans

by Michelle Brode

The school board announced its decision to close Moreland, Malvern, Ludlow and Sussex Elementary Schools and to reopen Woodbury to house fifth and sixth graders. The five elementary schools remaining open will be kindergarten through fourth grade schools. The plan, which was announced last month, will be implemented by next fall.

Declining school enrollment was a major cause for closing schools. In the past 20 years, there has been a 38 percent drop in elementary enrollment, a loss of 3,073 students. Other factors included disproportionate class sizes, costs of building maintenance, and ineffective scheduling of specialist teachers.

Many community residents, leaders and students attended the March 10 meeting. Reaction ranged from strongly supportive to greatly opposing. Before the board announced its decision, resident Dennis Block and Fernway Association President Joe Zamore asked the board to delay its decision. They felt the board should have taken more time to gather information and to hear community opinions before closing schools.

In reaching a decision, the board kept the goals of the district as well as

other factors in mind. These considerations included the maintenance and promotion of education; integration; efficient use of school funding; transportation; class sizes; and geographic location of students in relation to the schools.

Much controversy arose over the redrawing of elementary district borders. Some parents opposed the division of the Fernway district, while others were upset about their children being bussed across the city.

Parent Lorenzo Marsh said, "I think we're not getting our fair share here. What about the children...What about the children?"

Stephen Alfred and Alan Melamud, Shaker Heights Mayor and Vice Mayor respectively, as well as council member Peter Jones offered their support of the board's decision.

Melamud voiced confidence that "Students will continue to achieve and excel as they have done in the past."

Alfred said because of the tremendous community support regarding education, the change can be a positive experience. "There will be change...The one thing that stands out as a hallmark of Shaker Heights is that we have the ability to change...Change can be a positive experience...We can make it work."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tuxedos and prom dresses will be modeled for the senior class prom on Friday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. at the Shaker Heights Public Library. Junior Elaine Doll of Shaker, Beaumont senior Karla Ingram, senior Heather Leahy, Beaumont senior Anita Poole and senior Jeanine Wright will model the prom dresses. The tuxedos will be modeled by seniors Kenny Bradley and Cordell Stokes; juniors James Flynn, Garth Graham and Patrick Slaughter. Beauty and make-up tips will be given by Total Eclipse. There will be music and refreshments.

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Vocational Education teacher Carol Bartlett was in a serious automobile accident, in which a truck and her car collided on a Virginia Interstate. Bartlett, who received the most serious injuries, was helicoptered to Roanoke, Virginia and is now back home recovering.

The accident occurred while Bartlett was traveling from Cleveland to Florida the second day of Spring break.

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From the class of '87, 101 students were awarded Scholarship Key awards for maintaining at least a 3.5 GPA over five semesters. Of those students, 18 were National Merit finalists, and two were National Achievement finalists. Principal's Achievement Certificates were awarded to 75 seniors.

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Shaker placed first in the Junior Engineering and Technological Societies team contest. Participants included seniors Michael Lee, Michael Galvin, Rebecca Taylor, Andy Resnick, Paige Weber, Jennifer Bellon and Christine Cutten; juniors David Rhodes, David Sealfon, Steve Landau, Kayvan Pirouz and Geoff Gibson; and sophomore Walter Ryder.

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The Modern Dance Club will be sponsoring a Dance Show to be held on April 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. in

the large auditorium of the high school. The show will feature dancers from Shaker as well as other area high schools. Tickets, if bought in advance are \$3, and \$4 at the door. Jazz, ballet, modern and popular styles are some of the styles of dances that will be performed.

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Students from the marketing education class participated in the 1987 Distributive Education Club of America (DECA), district seven competition at Lakeland Community College. Cylon Knight and Glenn Daniels were awarded first place for the marketing test and sales demonstration respectively. Monica Washington received a third place award for her job interview. Rory Weems, Letitia Liggins and Scott Henderson received an honorable mention in team management decision making. Other honorable mentions went to Mark Shapiro, for full serve restaurant and Dee Dorsey for apparel and accessories.

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Compiled by Juli Alfred, David Ammons, and Michelle Brode

Driving 65 is a sensible solution

It is indoctrinated in all of us. Driving on a vast country highway with few cars in sight, the urge is inescapable. Simply put, it is the urge to step on the gas, and go just a little faster than the speed limit allows.

It ought to come as no surprise then, that the Ohio Legislature is introducing a bill which would raise the speed limit from 55 mph to 65 mph, but only on certain highways. It is only on the rural highways, where the traffic is least congested. According to a federal study, they carry about 19 percent of all traffic. Yet, there are still many highway lobbyist groups adamantly opposed to raising the speed limit for really no substantial reason.

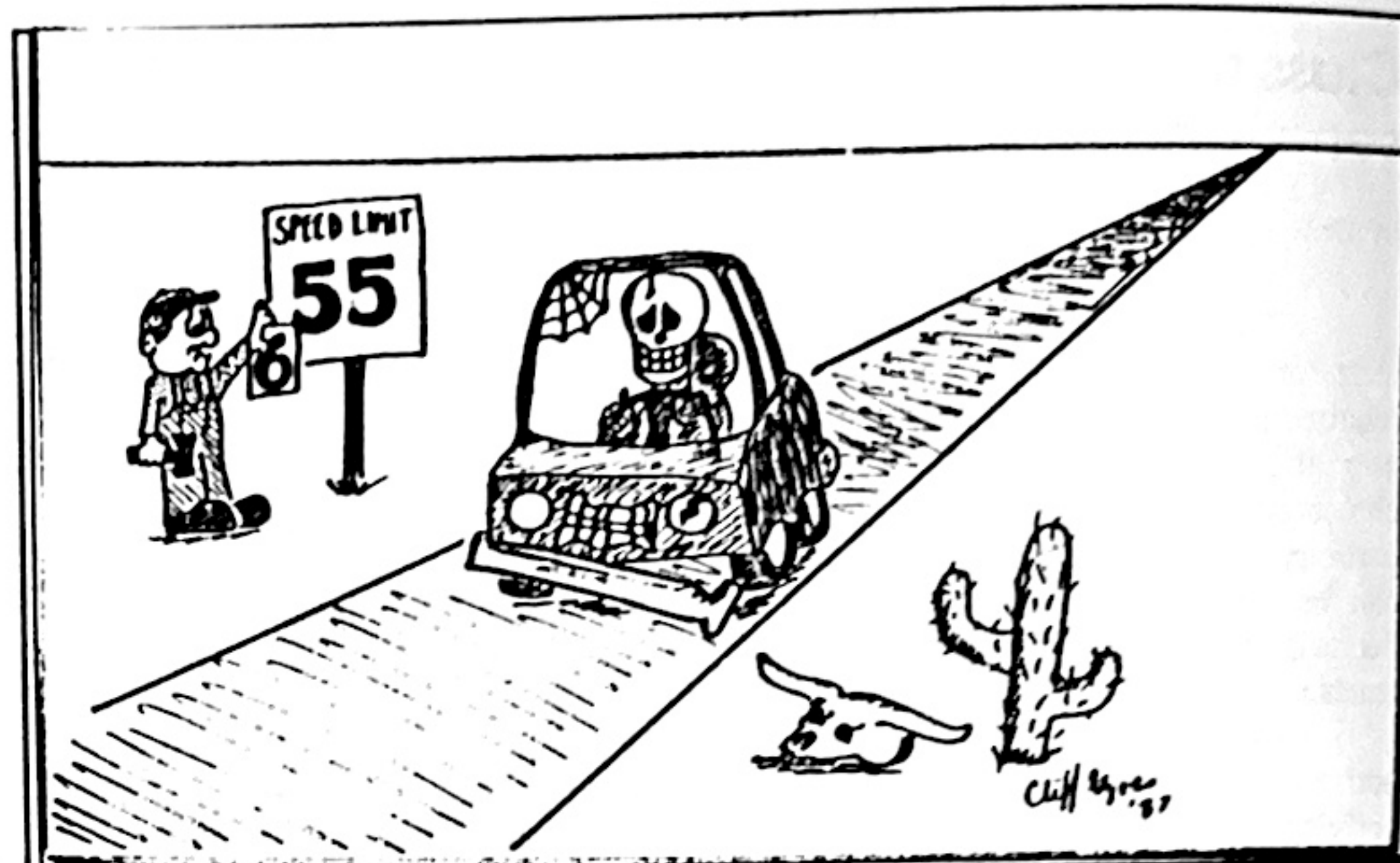
Groups such as the National Safety Council claim that over 536 lives (in Ohio) have been saved since the 55 mph limit was put into effect in 1974. Yet, they fail to mention that most of these fatalities occurred on city roads, where most accidents occur. According to the Federal Highway Administration,

there has only been from 5.7 to 33 fatalities on rural roads from 1974-1985. This is a far cry from 536!

Furthermore, most drivers already routinely drive above the speed limit on Interstate 71 between Cleveland and Columbus; the traffic routinely travels at 65 mph. The 55 mph speed limit is rarely enforced. Most cars are not even stopped unless they are driving more than five miles over the speed limit in most states, and more than 10 miles in some states. Even greater crackdowns have failed to stop drivers from breaking the speed limit. In California, over one million tickets were handled out with fines up to \$50, but an official estimated that for every speeder caught, 22,000 get away.

Safety groups have also added that freeing police from trying to enforce the new speed limit would enable them to spend more time on more life-threatening problems such as drunk driving. Out of 1600 fatalities in Ohio last year, 45 percent were alcohol related.

Most people favor raising the



speed limit. A recent poll revealed that 60 percent of all Ohioans favored raising the speed limits on rural interstates but not on city highways. According to the Federal Highway Administration, 78 percent of all Ohioans break 55 mph on rural highways without being caught.

Clearly, it is time for a change. The 55 mph is rarely

enforced, rarely obliged, and often times just a nuisance. Most accidents occur in urban and suburban areas, where the speed limit would remain unchanged. Finally, we could concentrate on more serious problems such as drunk drivers, for it is they who are real murderers. "Speed" doesn't kill; reckless drivers do.

'Hoosiers' dazzles crowd

A few years ago, the movie "The Natural" came to the screens and it gave baseball a whole new meaning. In a similar way, this year's movie, "Hoosiers" has done to basketball what "The Natural" has done to baseball: popularized it, and revealed the impact of basketball beyond the actual game.

'Hoosiers' has done to basketball what 'The Natural' has done for baseball...

The movie stars Gene Hackman as a basketball coach who is hired to take over a team whose coach has just died. He is coming to a small Indiana town where basketball isn't just a game; it's an obsession. As is common with small towns, the people are reluctant to change, and so, they try very hard to make him feel unwelcome. Hackman is unlikely to give in. He has just spent ten years in the navy, and is determined to succeed.

Despite much resentment from the town community, and their continual efforts to replace him, Hackman perseveres in his commitment, sticking to his traditional practice drills of running, passing, and moving. He demands obedience and respect, even going to the extreme of ejecting one of his players from a game at the expense of winning the game. His "different" style and approach to coaching eventually leads to a town meeting, where his future as coach of the basketball team is seriously in doubt.

Aside from the main plot, there are a few subplots running parallel. For example, a member of the basketball team who is reputed to be the area's best refuses to play after the death of his father. Also,

David Heller

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Hackman eventually needs an assistant coach and finally decides to use a man named Shooter, a man very knowledgeable in basketball but is rarely found without a bottle of whiskey in his hand.

The acting is quite good throughout. Gene Hackman, whose earlier credits include "The Poseidon Adventure" and "Superman" does a superb job playing a coach who refuses to succumb to adversity and even goes to the extreme of getting thrown out of the game for his adamant coaching style. He is a man even Bobby Knight, the real Indiana coach, would have been impressed with.

Dennis Hopper, who plays the drunk, does an excellent job portraying a man struggling to regain dignity, in the midst of an alcohol addiction threatening to kill him. He was nominated for an Academy Award for his performance as a supporting actor. Finally, Barbara Hershey gives an emotional performance as a divorced teacher, searching for a meaning in life other than that which can be found through basketball.

The movie's only weakness is its lack of character development. Although it is alluded to, we are never given a thorough background of Hackman's past. We are also never given a reason why the top player on the team does not play at first, and why in the middle, he suddenly decides to play. Yet what the movie lacks in character development, it makes up for in exciting play, poignant moments, and relentless action. "Hoosiers" is a must for everyone, even for those who dislike basketball.

Cafeteria needs attention

Dear Editor,

I agree with your sentiments in the editorial "Restroom vandalism must be curbed," that it is astonishing to see what little regard many students show for their surroundings. However, I was surprised that in discussing this serious problem, you failed to mention the place where this is most evident...the Shaker cafeteria.

The general mess created in the cafeteria by students during their respective lunch periods is repulsive. Papers of every assortment lay strewn across the floor, which seems to collect more trash than the four large garbage cans located throughout the cafeteria. Tables and chairs are filthy as students smear uneaten food all over their surface. Furthermore, returning one's tray has become an exception rather than the norm.

The condition of the cafeteria should be an embarrassment to every Shaker student. Not only does it portray us as crude, lazy, slobs but it also strains relations with the lunchtime staff who are left to clean it up.

There are solutions to this problem. The staff could begin to assign Saturday detention for even minor infractions of lunchroom conduct, whether it be a forgotten lunch tray or a stray paper that never found its way into the trash. However, I think we all have much better things to do with our Saturday mornings. The other, more logical, solution is to simply demonstrate some responsibility and clean up our own mess. How much effort does it take to walk to a garbage can and dispose of some trash?

In closing, I would like to say that I commonly hear complaints from fellow students that the administration has no

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respect for the student body, and that they are taking away liberties traditionally granted to us. However, the adage is that one must earn respect, and we certainly haven't done that. Perhaps cleaning up our act in the cafeteria could be a start.

Scott Goldstein

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Dear Editor,

We would like to respond to the recent article in the Shakerite concerning Jerry Graham, social studies teacher. We object to the remark by Laurie Friedman that "Graham has witnessed first hand the evolution of the Shaker student from an active liberal... to an apathetic conservative reluctant to believe in or exercise his power." While it may be true that the student body here has become more conservative, it is inaccurate to characterize all activists as liberals and all apathetic people as conservatives. There are a great many apathetic liberals as well as activist conservatives; we would be averse to classifying activists such as Phyllis Schlafly or Pat Robertson as liberals. Activism is a measure of involvement, not of political philosophy.

Todd Stevens
Michael Galvin

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Capital punishment unfairly executed

by Rowland Brucken

"The death penalty is a denial of the right to life and as such is a violation of human rights." So opens Amnesty International's 1987 extensive report on the death penalty. Since a 1976 Supreme Court ruling reinstated the death penalty, at least 66 people have been executed in the United States: by lethal gas in Mississippi, firing squad in Utah, electrocution in Alabama, and by injection in Texas. Executions continue even though the legal process leading up to the actual execution has been flawed. It is a process highlighted by racism, arbitrary sentencing, and violations of international law.

Circumstances that have a bearing on the outcome of a murder trial actually start before the trial begins. First the prosecutor must decide whether or not to seek the death penalty in a particular case. Such decisions are influenced by the attitude of the community who elects him to his post, or by wide publicity in that case. If he decides to seek the death penalty there is an opportunity for the accused to use the plea bargain: to accept a lesser sentence in return for cooperating with the state. One such example is Charles Brooks, executed in Texas while a co-accused received a 40-year sentence. It is not known who has actually killed the victim. The first stage of a trial is the selection of a jury. This system is also flawed by the voir dire period when a prosecutor can exclude a potential juror. In Lockhart vs. McCree, the Supreme Court ruled that the prosecution can exclude jurors who oppose the death penalty. Justice Thurgood Marshall in the minority opinion states that this allows "the state special advantage in those prosecutions where the charges are most serious and the possible penalty the most severe." Even if an impartial jury is found, adequate legal representation for a defendant who could be executed is not realized. Not only are there not enough public defenders to offer the accused counsel, but if one is found, they have trouble finding time to do the full-time job that defending an accused killer requires. John Young is still on death row despite the fact that his lawyer after the trial admitted that he only spent eight

hours preparing the case in which certain factors about the accused's background were not brought up. The American Civil Liberties Union estimates that one half of those on death row did not have access to an adequate lawyer.

It is in sentencing that big problems arise. Forty-eight percent of those on death row are blacks even though they make up only ten percent of the general population. Ninety percent of those executed between 1977-1986 were convicted of killing whites though during that period there were as many black victims as white ones. Death sentences have been passed on juvenile offenders. The American Bar Association stated in a 1983 report that "vengeance against children for their misdeeds seems quite beyond justification." There have been executions of the mentally ill, such as James Roach who was executed despite pleas from the Secretary General of the United Nations and the General Secretary of the Organization of American States.

The above facts do not take into consideration the methods of executions themselves which can be brutal. It took three charges of electricity over 14 minutes to kill John Evans. James Autry complained of pain for 10 minutes while technicians punctured him repeatedly in search of a vein in which to inject poison. Jimmie Lee Gray had convulsions for eight minutes and kept gasping for breath while in Mississippi's gas chamber. This constitutes cruel and unusual punishment.

There are many other reasons for opposing the death penalty such as the arbitrary nature in which the death penalty is imposed (one percent of all murder cases), the fallacy of deterrence (in Canada the murder rate actually declined after the death penalty was abolished), the cost (1.2 million dollars in the appeals process as compared with a much lower cost for life imprisonment), and the fact that the United States is only NATO country besides Turkey to still practice capital punishment.

Yet, despite the evidence, public opinion supports the death penalty because of a need to strike back against crime. Sooner or later we will come to see that we are only sacrificing our sense of justice for an easy solution to the complex problem.

CHEERS AND JEERS

CHEERS...to all the students who participated in New Stages VI. It was a great success.

CHEERS... to Peter Routman, Dan Polster, Paige Weber, Cliff Gyves, Elise Hurwitz, and Michelle Brode, who all won awards at the Northeastern Ohio Scholastic Press Association convention on March 18.

CHEERS...to Michael Lee, who will be performing the Mendelssohn violin concerto with the Cleveland Orchestra

Youth Orchestra in their spring concert on May 3.

CHEERS...to Matt Grossman and Ari Kelman, who played basketball with the championship Fairmount Temple team which went on to play against the Israeli all-stars.

JEERS... to all the term papers the juniors have to write.

JEERS... to all the C's given out during the last term.

JEERS...to the message board in the cafeteria, which has not shown anything.

Dan Polster

CANDID QUOTES

Q: Due to the recent NCAA tournament, several "underground" betting pools have surfaced among Shaker students which have been kept a secret from the faculty due to their illegal nature. Are these pools harmless wagers or are they detrimental to students and should remain illegal?

Marlon Dees, freshman-My opinion is that it is not harmless, but a friendly bet. Just don't let the principals find out.



David Oppenheimer, senior-I feel that if a student wants to bet, that's his prerogative. Even if they are made illegal now, that's not going to stop people from doing it. The thrill of it is going to cause people to do it.

Ben Smith, senior-It makes the games more interesting and more exciting to watch. A bet increases a person's interest in basketball and gives him a personal angle.



David Spencer, junior-If the students want to lose their money, they can lose their money.

Photos by Jeremy Rosenzweig

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Forging a new identity

Legal issues at stake over sale, use of phony identification

by Michael Lee and Steven Michel

A scan through a typical teenager's wallet or purse reveals sundry items. To many, the most valuable of these is the fake identification card. Fake cards are easy to obtain, relatively inexpensive, and legal to sell and own. This disturbs some people who believe that since such cards make it easier for minors to purchase alcohol, the cards should be discouraged.

The owner of a novelty store who sells fake I.D.'s said the purpose of the cards was "more or less for gags." He admitted that he knows some kids use the cards illegally, "but hey, if they want to get in trouble and the people are stupid enough to accept them... We're not making like they are real I.D.'s." According to the owner, people often get cards wearing masks or posing as Dracula or Freddie Krueger. While some people get the cards as jokes, he says "I sometimes overhear people getting them for illegal purposes. I don't feel responsible, though. It's like someone buying a car and then using it to rob a bank."

Stores often offer varieties of cards from various states and colleges at prices of around \$10 dollars a piece. The customer is asked to fill out a form, but is not required to provide any identification. After having his picture taken, a laminated card

well especially to minors, but "who am I to say... You can always spot the ones, and if they come in and know what they want, I'll try to embarrass them, but I'll sell it to them."



Most students, however, are entirely unaware of the legal consequences of owning or using fake cards. According to Assistant County Prosecutor James O'Meara, owning or even selling identification cards is not a violation of the law.

"Anyone can take a piece of paper, put a name on it, slap on a picture, and stick it in their wallet," said O'Meara. "But then that's all it becomes—a piece of paper with a name and a picture. It's officially useless."

While simply having a fake card is not a crime, using one to purchase alcohol is a felony. The use of a fake card in an

illegal transaction makes the card a criminal tool, and the teenager could be charged twice—with possession of alcohol, and possession of a criminal tool. This last charge is a felony-4, punishable by a sentence of six months to five years and a fine from \$2,500 to \$10,000.

Spotting a fake I.D. is not a strenuous mental exercise. Official Ohio drivers' licenses and I.D. cards have the picture in the upper right hand corner covering half of a small blue state seal. The large state seal on the official cards is yellow and has on it the Department of Highway Safety, while facsimiles usually have a plain one, saying "Seal of Ohio." Another detail separating the official card from the fake ones is the appearance of the governor's name and the signature of the registrar of the bureau of motor vehicles.

For those who opt to alter their driver's license, O'Meara warns that tampering with any official card is forgery—also a felony-4 offense. Officer Addey of the Shaker Heights Police Department said that the doctored cards are easy to spot.

"It's very easy to tell that the computer letters and numbers have been replaced by stickers. We also see some people who try to erase parts of their card, but it's also very easy to detect," said Addey. "Others have tried to peel back the plastic to insert a new photograph."

At the high school, wallets or purses with fake cards found by security will be confiscated, and the individual's parents will be called. Jerry Jankowski of the Police Department and a security

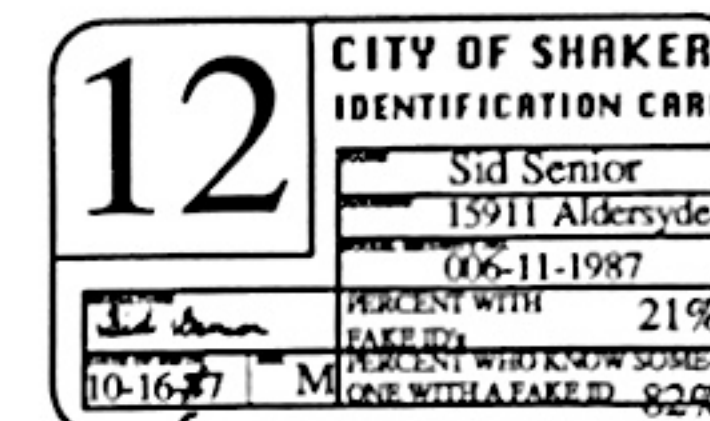
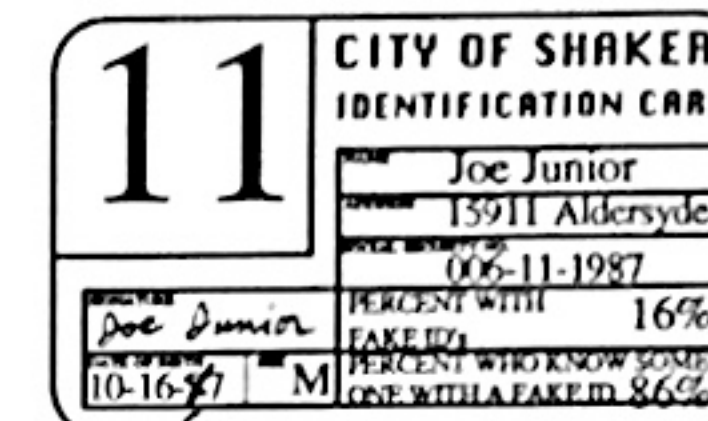
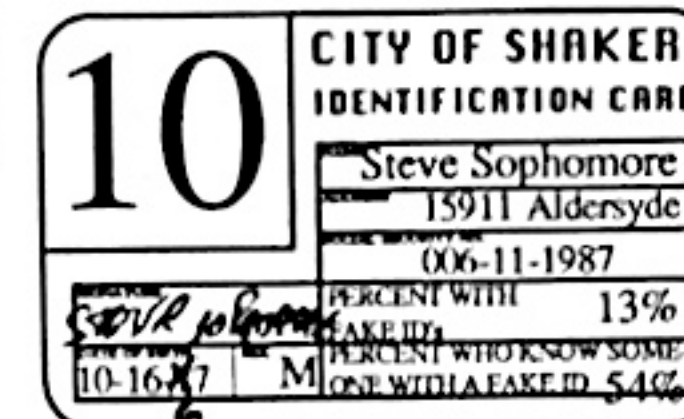
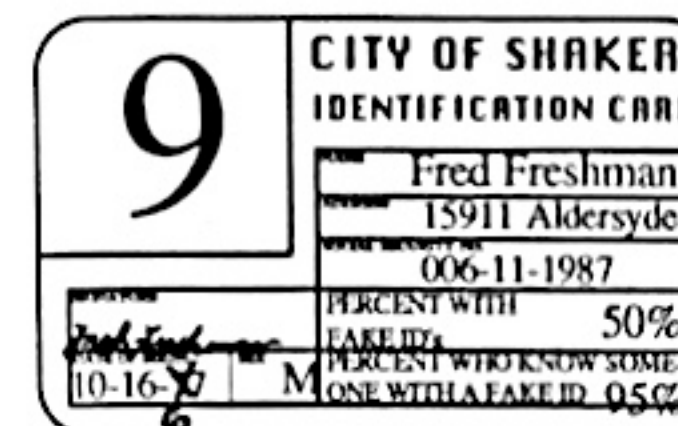
officer here cited a further problem with the fake cards.

"A big problem is trying to identify people on the basis of those fake cards. If they get in an accident, and we look in his or her wallet and find the fake name or address, it would complicate things

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enormously. The tragedy in Mayfield last year was one such example. The hospital needed to get in touch with the kid's parents, and they couldn't get a hold of them because some of them didn't have valid identification," said Jankowski.

Jankowski also serves part-time as a security officer for a drug store. "It's a little, a certain feeling you get when you see someone walking up with beer or wine who's under age. I would just say, 'I don't like the way your I.D. looks; you're not buying alcohol at this store.' 99.9 percent of the time, they will get out of that store in a hurry."



Fake ID's no big deal, say students

by Dan Polster

The words are a source of frustration for teenagers across the country. "You must be 19 years of age or older to purchase," "You must be 18 years of age or older to enter this area," "Under 17 not admitted without adult."

Such phrases may frustrate some teenagers who find themselves unable to buy alcohol or enter certain nightclubs and movies. However, others claim to have found the key to the locked doors of the adult world—the fake I.D.

A fake I.D. is any type of identification card giving false information about one's identity or one's age. A poll of Shaker students shows that a large percentage of students own one, and an even larger percentage knows someone who has one, or would know how to obtain one.

Among those who have fake cards,

the most use them to purchase alcohol. In Ohio, you must be 19 to buy beer, 21 for wine and liquor.

"Since alcohol is such a major part of my life, I use my card just about every weekend, to get in to bars or to buy some brewskies," said one junior.

Another student said that even if some stores were strict in asking for official identification, there is always a way to "beat the system."

"Sometimes, you don't even need an I.D. You know the stores that don't check regularly, and even if they do ask, the right stores will just look at it real quick and say, 'good enough.' And when you're real desperate, you can always get someone else to get you some juice. The point is, if you want it badly enough, nothing's going to stop you," said a senior.

At bars, however, carding policies are often very strict. But again, many students find ways to get in.

"Like most bars or clubs will have some obnoxious guy sitting around asking for an I.D., but sooner or later you get to know by trial and error or from friends, whether or not your card's going to work. You can always just let the whiskers grow, and maybe they'll be impressed and let you in," said another senior.

A smaller number of people use fake cards to see R-rated movies. Said one freshman, "I think it's unfair that I'm always carded. That's why I have a fake card."

Student attitudes towards fake I.D.'s generally reflect attitudes about age limits in general.

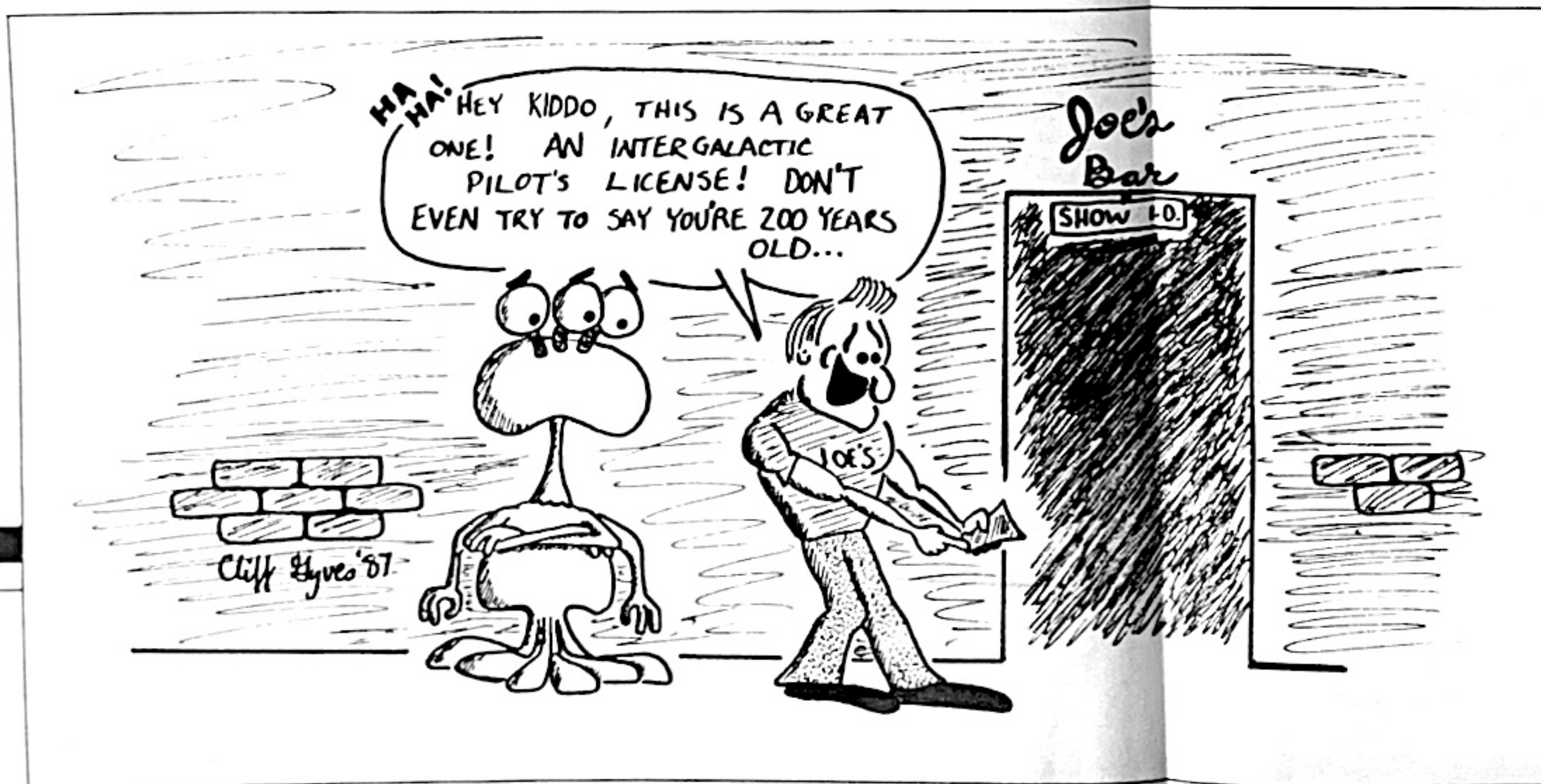
"The 19 age limit is bogus, a complete joke. I've been drinking since I was able to say 'fuzzy duck'. If you can be drafted, you should at least be able to drink. It's a blatant contradiction," said one senior.

Fake identification cards, while illegal to use, have certainly become commonplace among teenagers. But according to many students, their use is justified.

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is fashioned which looks remarkably authentic. A sign in one store informs customers that all information given is assumed to be true.

Instead of purchasing a fake identification card, some elect to doctor drivers' licenses. One senior explained how he had bought small, press-on letters and numbers at an art store and applied the decals to the license, changing the birth date. The manager at a local art supply store commented that the stickers sell very



8 FEATURE

Department guides blooming art students

by I-Fan Go

"It's popular. A lot of people try the classes. And the success we've had in contests says a lot about the teachers."

What's junior Ben Hoffman talking about? The art department at Shaker. It is one of the school's stronger departments, but it is also one of the least publicized.

But what goes on up there on the third floor? A lot of hard work. The four art teachers, Malcolm Brown, James Hoffman, Amy Litt, and Tim Shuckerow, can attest to that.

The projects assigned cover anything from a car design to a self-portrait to a posterization problem to a collage to a toy to... the list goes on.

Every year, Shaker enters projects in major contests, like the Scholastic Art Show, the Governor's Art Show, the Twenty-First Congressional District, and

the CWRU Alumni Show.

Shaker almost always has a good showing in these events. This year, Shaker placed third out of 63 schools in Scholastics. Last year, senior Heather Martin won the Red Cross poster contest, an assignment she had in Graphic Design. Senior Daryl Harris took second place in the Budweiser 500 Contest, competing with professional ad agencies.

So, what makes the art department so good? Many students think it's the quality teachers who care and are willing to spend time with the individual. Senior Terri Weissman, who has been and still is enrolled in several art classes here, appreciates her teachers.

"I haven't had all the teachers," she said, "but Mr. Shuckerow really helps you, especially in finishing a project. And if you just ask, Mr. Brown will too."

Sophomore Steve Thomas, who is currently taking two art courses, agreed with Weissman about the teachers, although he added, with a smile, "[Some] of the teachers are overrated."

Some students take courses at the Cleveland Institute of Art along with classes here and find it beneficial.

Junior Suzanne Korschun said, "At the Institute, it's more a studio thing where you make studies, whereas the projects at school are actual projects. Also, the help comes more from the teachers at school. A mix of both is really the best."

Senior Harold Talley, in the portfolio class this year, rated the department "about a nine," on a scale of one to ten. He summed up the general consensus of serious art students when he said, "I think the teachers here really know what they're doing, and I've learned a lot here."



DANIEL ROSENZWEIG

Senior Julie Lutjen's portfolio is an example of a product of the art department.

Principal search continues

by Jull Alfred

The race is on; the search has begun; the candidates for principal are off and running! After months of deliberation, research, and meetings of Superintendent Peter Horoschak's student, teacher and parent groups, three candidates have been chosen from the initial 60 applicants.

To ensure an efficient search, Horoschak compiled a list of the groups' opinions of the most important traits required in a principal, as well as the students' views of how he or she can command their respect. The three groups also discussed important issues facing the high school.

"The total school community - teachers, students, parents - needs to be involved to address the issues," Horoschak said.

The issues that concerned the faculty include minority achievement, organization and respect between students and faculty.

"I think we need someone who has the ability to instill a sense of camaraderie between the staff and students, because then there is a tendency to have more uniformity in the way things are done," said health teacher Hubert McIntyre. "He doesn't have to be the most liked, but he needs to be respected."

The students also vocalized ideas about respect, ranking their three key elements for respect as teacher and administrator involvement and interaction with students, a feeling of being part of the

whole, and the use of positive incentives to get student cooperation after the rules are stated.

"I think we need a principal who understands a young mind, who isn't stuck in the past, and is able to relate to how we feel," said junior Sabrina Terry.

In addition to the student, teacher and parent groups, Horoschak also consulted the PTA. It is mainly concerned about a strong relationship between principal and teachers—that he or she will be someone it can respect as a leader and depend on for help.

Besides respect, most students asked for an approachable and visible principal.

"We need a principal who shows himself to students and talks to them more in person than on the PA system," said freshman Nikki Tolliver.

PTA president Minnie Marshall agreed. "The students need to be able to approach the principal," she said. "He needs to have a relationship with the students—I realize you have unit principals, but there is a role for the principal."

Horoschak will present his recommendation to the Board of Education around the end of the month, hoping for the new principal to take over during the summer.

"[The new principal] shouldn't approach this as a school with miles to go, but he has to be pushing to the edge, challenging himself, the staff, and students," Horoschak said.

Sitters endure torture for money

by Amy Meckler

Whether it is for car insurance, new clothes, concert tickets or weekend entertainment, teenagers can usually find a need for money. While some turn to their parents or part-time jobs, others turn to baby-sitting.

The job requirements for baby-sitting aren't very extensive, and the work isn't very strenuous, as long as you catch the kids at the right time. The "right time" usually is when the kids are asleep, but you might, perhaps, be hired to care for the kids at the worst time, when they are in one of their stages.

One example is the stage of constant negative responses: Do you want to go outside? No. Do you want to stay inside? No. Do you want to be smacked in the face?

Or the "look at all the neat things I can do" stage. He can tie his shoes—swell—and my shoes, and the baby's shoes. He can pick up his baby sister, but only for a second. Then he can drop her.

Soon he reaches the boredom stage, and he can no longer entertain himself with the tassels on the chair. He needs someone to play with, to have fun with, especially if he is an only child. So you offer to play with him, then he sulks if you beat him in "Candyland."

He soon reaches the independence stage, when he can do things himself, or so he says. Sure, he broke two glasses trying to pour his own Kool-aid, but the third time's the charmer.

The worst stage is the oldest stage, when he is convinced that he doesn't need a baby-sitter and that you have been sent by the devil. The solution to this is to beg him to play a game with you. He will in turn run up to his room to ward off all evil and you get the TV all to yourself.

Time passes, and he gets old enough to start baby-sitting himself. Before long, he knows what it is like to be trapped in a house for a couple of dollars an hour and be mentally, emotionally, and physically abused.



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Recording star walks the halls of Shaker

by Laurie Friedman

There is undoubtedly a countless number of students walking the halls of this and many high schools with aspirations of one day being the next Janet Jackson or a member of a group such as Genesis. Here at Shaker, junior Carina Johnson is presently on her way to possibly accomplishing such success with the group Ingenue.

Johnson joined Ingenue as one of the original members when it was created by Time Trax Recording Studio in July of 1985. She attended an open call audition with 250 girls from the Cleveland area.

The audition required the candidates to show abilities in singing, dancing and improvisational acting. Johnson's natural talent took her to a second and third call back, which was held for Johnson and the other four original members.

"I couldn't understand why they called us back a third time," said Johnson. "Then they had the five of us sitting in front of all these people, and they said, 'Ladies and gentlemen, we present to you Ingenue.' We were so surprised!"

By March of 1986 Ingenue released its first single, "Tender." Johnson was shocked when she heard the song played on the radio the first day of its release.

"I was crying and jumping up and down," recalled Johnson.

Being part of a singing group requires

her to be in the studio three or four times a week from 5:00 till 8:00 pm, and from 1:00 till 7:00 pm on Saturdays.

"I feel like a regular teen," claimed Johnson, "until I'm around my friends and I see what I can't do. I would like to be involved in more school activities, but being in the group causes a lot of conflicts."

For Johnson, the things she misses by being in the group are more than made up for with the experience, which makes up for a salary.

Johnson explained, "You can't imagine what it feels like when I'm on stage. It's such a great feeling to actually entertain people and open yourself up to the audience. There's nothing like seeing people smile and hearing them say, 'Go ahead.'"

The success that has come to Johnson has luckily brought with it very few problems for her when it comes to her friends. However, she does have her occasional bouts with identity.

"Sometimes when I'm walking down the hall, someone will say, 'Hello, Ingenue.' I hate that!" said Johnson.

All that Johnson asks for from the Shaker community is more of what she feels she has already been given—support.

"I don't want praise and admiration," she said. "I just want to be treated like Carina."



The music group Ingenue, with Shaker's Carina Johnson (back left), will perform on April 18 at the Agora.

Woodbury Center provides entertainment for teens

Photos by Jeremy Rosenzweig

The need to stand in line at Ticketron for hours has been somewhat minimized by Woodbury Center's lineup of student bands. Senior Chris Marmen (left) and juniors Sean Marcellino and David Pretlow (right), all of Fathoms Down, performed in the Fathoms Down and Brazen Image concert March 14. The center will host Battle of the Bands April 24, 25, May 2 and 9.



Behold the sophomore saga

by Steven Michel

Sweet sixteen is more than cake, ice cream and puberty. It marks one's first major step into legal adulthood: the world of automotive manipulation. Visions of taking friends out to lunch, going on errands for Aspergum and breaking the speed limit fill the sophomore's head. Little does the eager beaver conceive of the trials and tribulations of life behind the rear defog switch.

The big birthday rolls around and our anxious pre-driver, George, is quick to acquire "Digest of Ohio Motor Vehicle Laws"—that necessary, if not informative and entertaining, paperback.

After careful memorization, Georgie is ready to take his test in order to receive the sacred temporary driver's license. Several scores below freezing hint to George that perhaps a black "+" on a yellow sign does not mean someone died here, and, amidst tears and glee, George gets his "temp."

Next, equipped with his money-saving coupon clipped from The Shakerite, George arrives at driving school. George's first class welcomes and encourages him with

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the vivid cinematography of death-is-forever movies; George decides he really doesn't mind public transportation.

The appointment made, George's

instructor, Walt, arrives to pick him up in the STUDENT DRIVER car in which George hopes all of his friends will see him.

After mutual "how'dee'dos," Walt and "Hotwheels" are off. George feels he's doing great until he notices Walt's personal brake pedal that has already prevented collisions with trees, cars, pedestrians, houses...Two more hours of terror and George welcomes Walt's suggestion to head home.

Three more trips to "At the Movies" and three more on the road—or at least on the sidewalk—experiences, and George can attempt getting a real license.

After multiple practice with Mommie and her imaginary brakes, he's ready to "go for it."

George goes to take his test. Prepared with extra deodorant and a four-food-group breakfast, he skillfully halts for two seconds at every stop sign and only grazes a pole in maneuverability.

He waits for the results...Yes, he's made it! Oh rapture and bliss! He wets his hair and straightens his collar for his photograph and click! The most flattering picture ever! He can hardly wait to show his friends.

Back at school it's just time for lunch. George saunters into the cafeteria and heads for the gang. Casually he displays his wallet, and invites the gang out to McDonald's.

George is the man of the hour. He has proudly displayed his new talent; yet, arriving back at school he encounters an unforeseen terror.

Parallel parking on the oval.

10 SPORTS

Raiders forced to recover from poor winter

by Jonathan Mester

The end of the winter sports season brought about numerous disappointments for Red Raider squads, with most teams being eliminated in sectionals and others earlier than they had hoped.

The girls' basketball team capped off their season with a first round loss to Willoughby South in the sectionals. The good news about this season is that Coach Woodard's squad was able to double last year's win total, ordinarily an amazing feat. The bad news: they won only one game last year.

The boy hoopsters, who were able to win more than two games, began sectionals with their third victory over Garfield, 86-83. The season ended in the next round, however, as Senate conference champion John Hay defeated the Raiders, 66-51, despite 16 points and 11 boards from junior center Shane Wright.

The hockey team went even further in sectionals, a win over bitter rivals Kent Roosevelt followed by a thrilling double overtime victory against Rocky River put the icers one win from states. Only, their opponent was Cleveland Heights, who had already easily defeated them twice during the season. The third time did not prove a charm for the Raiders, as the eventual state champs overpowered Shaker again, 10-4.

Senior wrestlers Marty Levine, Doug Hamann and Tito Vasquez gave reason for some hope, as each got by districts, with Hamann winning it outright at 167 pounds. Their high school careers were each halted, however, at the dreaded Mentor "Meatgrinder" in regionals.

The sole representatives from Shaker in states were swimmers. Senior Will Schmidt went at 50 meters freestyle and the girls' team placed ninth in Ohio. Junior Colleen Manning led the way with a fifth place finish in the 100 breaststroke, followed by a pair of sixth place marks in the 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly by freshman Francesca Gambetti.

Many individual awards were received during and after the season, as well. Swimmers Manning and Gambetti, senior hoopsters Cordell Stokes and Charlotte Anderson and sophomore hockey star Richard Robinson were all honored by The Plain Dealer during the season, while grappler Marty Levine was named "Sportsman of the Week" by W'W Channel 8. Seniors Tito Vasquez, Pasi Engblom, Shannon Blackwell, Will Schmidt and juniors Scott Wallace and David Leu received recognition in their respective sports at the conclusion of the season. Stokes will head for an all-Ohio high school all-star game later this spring.

Although the winter season on the whole was a disappointment, the return of athletes like Manning, Gambetti, Robinson, Leu, Wright and Wallace give plenty of reason for upcoming winter success.

Tennis team to uphold tradition

PEP LLINAS

For the **Junior 1** third consecutive year the team is headed by this junior co-captain. He ended last season with a personal record of 29-1 and a second place state singles finish. Stylewise, Llinas has improved his game over the off-season into an aggressive serve-and-volley player.

MATTIAS LARSON

In the second position, barring an aggravated **Senior 2** shoulder, will be this deceiving ROTARY Swede. The senior is an experienced player with a judicious style of play. He will not overpower you with his tall 6-foot-2 frame, but instead outsmart you with tricky deception. With his spiked haircut and laconic speech, Larson, shy off the court, becomes an intimidating opponent.

Junior 3

This German exchange student is in a toss-up for this position with senior co-captain "Super" Sean Sawyer. "Eiserman the backboard," a junior, is an opportunist on the court. He patiently waits to strike on your short ball or simply until you err. Often called "Magic T", Eiserman brings a load of self confidence to the team. You'll sometimes hear him boasting, with an accent of course, "I am gud player."

SEAN SAWYER

Triple S, "Super" Sean Sawyer, has worked diligently **Senior 4** over the last year to build his game into the hard-hitting, overpowering one it is now. Mega P's (strong congratulations) are given to anyone who can break his potent serve. Co-captain Sawyer, an off-season hockey player, is equally effective from the baseline or net.

Senior 5

As a first doubles star, all-LEL last season, E-Dawg brings a big spin serve, powerful groundstrokes and solid, controlled volleys to the court. The senior talks small and doesn't strut, but carries a big stick.

ENNIS SKILLERN

THE REST OF THE BEST

Red Raider depth is seen in doubles combos of junior George Jenkins and sophomore Erwin Milligan; sophomore Scott Jefferson and freshman Brandon Collier; and seniors Amit Hampel and Todd Stevens. Intense competition could lead to varsity PT (playing time) for all six netters. All are talented athletes, lending to the completion of a solid 1987 Shaker unit.

All profiles written by Pep Llinas. Lineups are subject to change

Diverse mix of abilities will help

Pep Llinas

SPORTS ANALYSIS

An extremely diverse mix of abilities and personalities will compose this year's formidable varsity tennis squad, resolute to gain the LEL title for the 10th time in 11 campaigns.

The long, rich history of Shaker tennis excellence is sure to continue this season. There is a distinct improvement at each and every position.

"Everyone has been working very hard to have

the best season possible. It should pay off," commented co-captain Sean Sawyer. With a healthy squad, there should be no reason why it wouldn't.

The Raiders, bound with talent, do have their work cut out for them, though. Normandy, Lakewood and Cleveland Heights all return with several of last year's players.

Smoothtalking Llinas is one of the top players in the Midwest at his age bracket. An expert on the subject, no doubt.



DANIEL ROSENZWEIG
Larson: top Swedish import



JEREMY ROSENZWEIG
Eiserman: winning German

Sprinting towards states

Coach Henry Woodard demands unity from his girls' track team, and gets it!

by Kristin McGovern

The girls' track team sprints into their new season with high spirits, new goals and hopes of making state championships.

"We have much more depth this year and we are quicker than other years, too," says track coach Henry Woodard.

Based on each runner's capability, Woodard's afternoon practices consist of three miles of running, strengthening exercises and various



Enthusiastic attitudes, like the ones of these four runners, are sure to help the team.

workouts at increasing levels of difficulty. According to sophomore Ashley West, a long distance runner, these workouts are "very difficult, but pay off."

"[Woodard] is a great coach, even though he works us hard," agrees senior Charlotte Anderson, a middle distance runner.

Woodard claims his tough practices "instill versatility and motivate the runners." He believes his enthusiastic team has internal motivation; not only do they compete against other runners, but

they challenge themselves to higher goals.

All in all, the girls agree on two specific things; when they come home from practice they each eat, shower and sleep, and they all have one goal in mind — to win states.

The unity should be accredited to both the runners and demanding Coach Woodard, who says, "although [track] is an individual sport, they suffer together in practice, earn honors together and represent Shaker as a team."

Pride or prejudice?

Horoschak vetos track trip to Wheeling

by Terry Harris

In a private meeting with the boys' track team on April 8, Superintendent Peter Horoschak announced that the varsity unit would be forbidden from participating in the Pepsi Cola Classic Invitational in West Virginia on April 11 due to racial prejudices within the Wheeling community.

The problem emerged when an alleged housing form was sent to coach Charles Richard demanding that he indicate the black students and white students on the team. He was led to believe the request was made because some white families would not feel comfortable having black people stay in their homes and some black families felt the same way towards white students.

To make conditions more

comfortable for all, the housing organization had set up arrangements where Shaker's black runners would stay with black families and the white runners would stay with white families. Ideally, this was the set-up they had wished for.

Richard, fully aware of the situation, agreed to the terms of the housing form.

"The track team participating was most important to me," stressed Richard.

However, his plans were interrupted when a concerned parent phoned Horoschak and informed him of the intended housing plan.

"It makes me extremely uncomfortable," Horoschak expressed about the whole situation.

He then called high school principal C.A. Zimmerman and

questioned him about the proposed housing plan, wishing to know more about the situation.

"It's unacceptable for our students to participate," cautioned Zimmerman. The superintendent then preceded to call off plans for the trip.

Some track members, however, did not agree with Horoschak's firm decision to not allow them to race in the invitational.

"We are missing top competition which is vital to our success this season," pointed out junior Chris Cyrus.

Junior Brian Draper agreed with his teammate, "The bottom line is, we wanted to run and compete, but the administration would not allow us because of their hang-up."

The school where the meet takes place in Wheeling claims

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— Principal C.A. Zimmerman

"We are missing top competition."

— Runner Chris Cyrus

"We do not condone discrimination."

— Superintendent Peter Horoschak

"The bottom line is, we wanted to run and compete."

— Runner Brian Draper

"I am in no way doing this to punish the track team."

— Horoschak

they have nothing to do with the housing organization and their segregated arrangements.

"Claiming ignorance is no excuse," declared Horoschak, "We do not condone discrimination."

When asked about alternate housing plans, Richard said that the track team's allotted budget allows them to travel to just one out-of-town invitational. Richard feels there are two top notch meets that his team needs to participate in — the Bellaire Relays and the Pepsi Cola Classic. Richard originally elected to use the budget money for a hotel at Bellaire and had elected to take advantage of the free housing organization in Wheeling, West Virginia.

Horoschak defended his preventative action by saying, "As a school official, I'm responsible for the students that we send. I am in no way doing this to punish the track team."

Red Raider baseball squad set to clash with Cleveland Hts. tomorrow in key LEL matchup

Shaker has the arms, but do they have the bats?

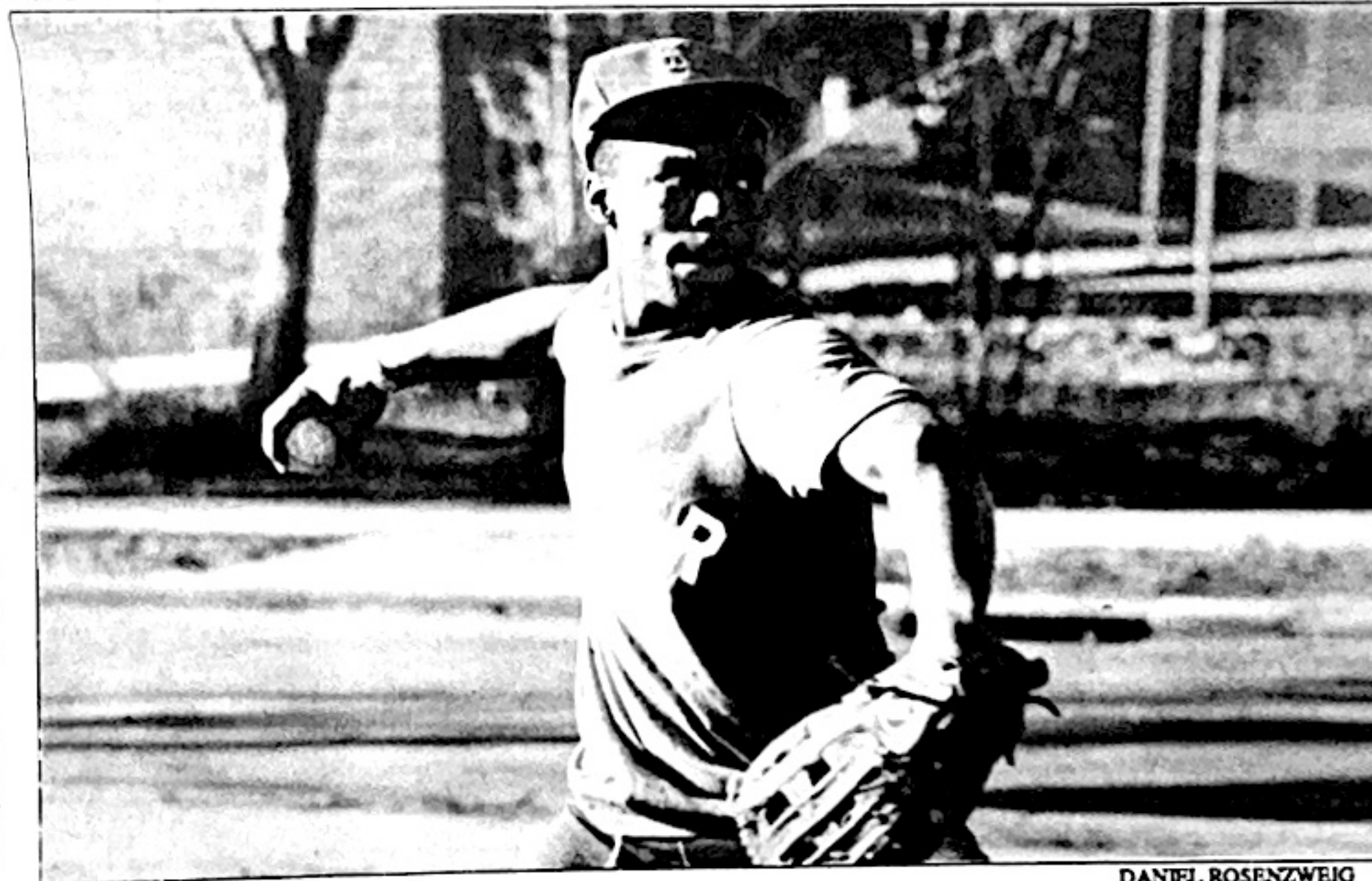
by Marty Levine

An LEL championship will be on the minds of the varsity baseball team tomorrow afternoon when they clash with Cleveland Heights, weather permitting, at 4p.m. on the Shaker diamond.

Every game is an important one in the LEL because every team, excluding Shaw, is a serious contender.

"[Cleveland Heights is] always a decent team and are capable of beating anyone in the league," said head coach David Sedmak.

Shaker Heights, however, is also a team with which to be reckoned. Pitching will be the greatest strength, as three of last year's four-man starting rotation are returning. Randy Spilman is the number one man, having compiled a 3.50 ERA last season, and he will be strongly supported by Jason Weiner and Keith Allen. Jon Mester is the projected fourth pitcher for the staff. If summer league is any indicator, things are looking bright for the Raiders. He was 4-0 with a 1.18 ERA.



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Keith Allen, a self-proclaimed Dr. K fan, must pitch in some Cy Young-like numbers if Shaker hopes to beat the Tigers tomorrow and finish atop the rugged LEL this season.

"They say that you have to have the pitching to succeed in this league," Sedmak asserted, "And we do."

However, the Raiders have some gaps to fill created by graduating seniors from the 1986 LEL champs. Replacing David DeMarco, Shaker's all-state catcher, will be a primary consideration. Todd Silverman, Evan McKee, Jim Lucier and Randy Boles are vying for the spot, with Silverman a frontrunner.

Hitting is also a question mark. The Raiders lost their top four batters to graduation. However, seven players batted above .300 in summer league. Noah Axler and Jeff Dawson led the pack with .357 and .353 averages, respectively.

According to Sedmak, mental strength will make or break this team. At last season's start, fielding errors were

caused by a lack of it. It could prove key in early games, like Thursday against the Tigers.

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— Shaker head coach David Sedmak

"We started last year with a lot of griping and division on the team, but the players improved their attitude during the year. Most of those errors were due to a lack of concentration. We have to eliminate the mental errors. This year we are beginning with the right attitude," Sedmak said.

NEXT MONTH'S LINEUP

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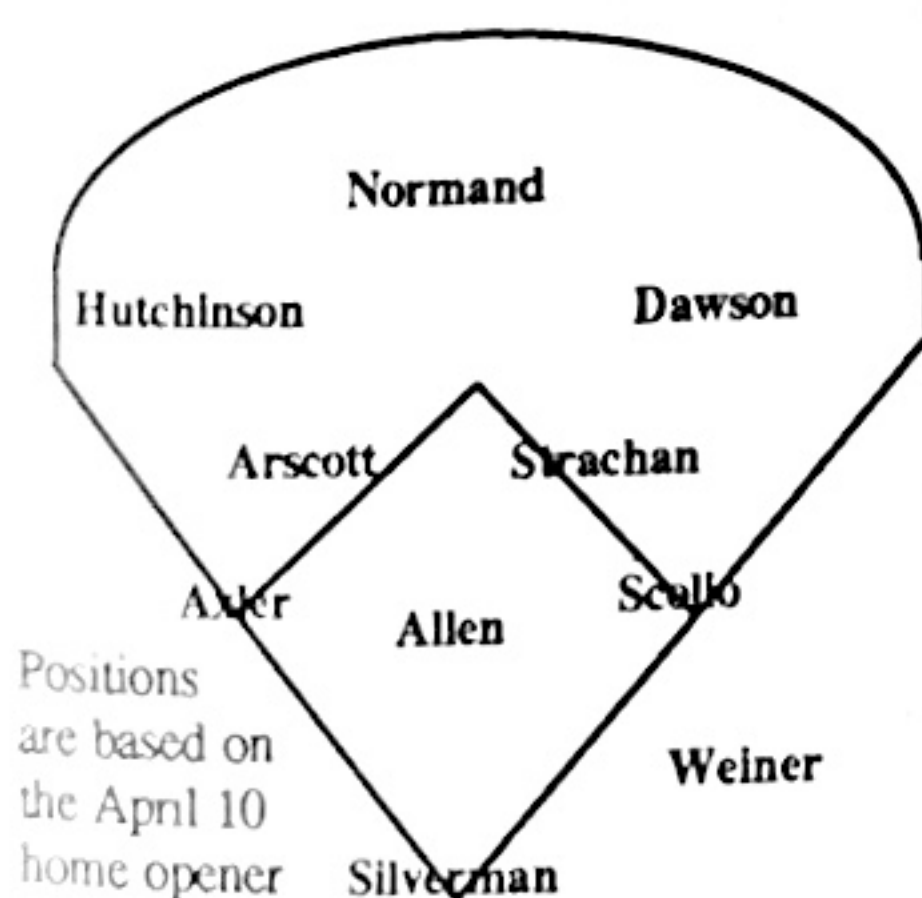
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12 SPORTS

Strong return of mile relay team expected

Although there will be no Curtis Owens or Cornell Penland blazing down the asphalt this year, the boys 4x100 relay team remains a very strong unit. Passing the baton around in '87 will be the quick quartet of seniors Kurt Calhoun and Cliff Gyves and juniors Verlin Bonner and Brian Draper.

The team has quite a tradition to uphold. Last year's foursome gained state-

wide recognition by placing as high as third in regional competition, despite mishandling the baton. In a school not normally noted for its track exploits, back-to-back strong seasons would be a welcome sight. A better year than last, a virtual blessing.

Veteran coach Charles Richard will be anxiously hounding the stopwatches of many track officials to check the times of this year's relay team. "Without a doubt they're all very fast individuals. Better than last year?" Richard briefly pondered, "You never know."

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A new tradition may be starting on Monday nights, having nothing to do with football or "Kate & Allie." After numerous clubs had been holding annual volleyball games just for the simple amusement of it, several students and faculty members picked up on the idea. Despite the previous failure of many intramural sports at Shaker, they decided to start an intramural volleyball league lasting

from 7 to 8p.m. every Monday evening.

Opening night was March 9, on which 36 people showed up, including six faculty members. It is open to the entire school and will probably last until the beginning of May. If nothing else, it gives students a chance to take out their frustration against their least liked teachers.

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The spring season could be an outstanding one for Red Raider sports teams. Three individuals, in particular, are worth keeping an eye on.

□ Hilary Hughes, junior... Last year, Hughes was untouchable on the mound, compiling a 13-4 record and 1.73 ERA. More of the same is expected from her and her teammates, with most of them returning from last season's 14-4 squad.

□ Randy Spilman, senior... Entering his third season on the varsity baseball team, Spilman, a righty, last year had the lowest ERA on an LEL champion team which included five all-league members. Himself winning honorable mention, Spilman

Jonathan Mester

AROUND THE OVAL

becomes the anchor of another very strong Raider pitching staff.

□ Pep Llinas, junior... Last year he finished 29-1, winning the district and regional championships until coming two points away from taking the state crown. It's a safe bet that Llinas will travel the road to Columbus in search of the tennis title again this season.

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On Friday, March 13, the Shaker Sports Booster Club successfully held their second annual reverse raffle in which over 200 tickets were sold at 60 dollars a piece. Good times were enjoyed by all, particularly head football coach Al Raymond. He was one of the five at the fund-raiser that split the 2,000 dollar prize. A new television perhaps?

"I'm afraid not," Raymond lamented. "My wife spent it all right away."

Senior Chase Riley brings his unique personality and running style to this year's track team.



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